

State Treasurer, to destroy certain United States currency, supposed to be counterfeit, and to drop the same from his cash and books, and also to take credit for depreciation of certain foreign coin, &c."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Upon motion of Senator Guinn, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
September 27, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Foscutt made the following report:

Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the unpaid claim of P. Priestly for services rendered as Chief Clerk of the State Department, during the administration of that office by Secretary R. J. Townes, have had the subject under consideration, and find that although the services have been rendered the State, and the claim a meritorious one, and ought, according to every principle of justice to be paid; yet your committee find that the Legislature is deprived of all power to provide for the payment of this and similar claims by that section of the ordinance repudiating the war debt, which also repudiates the civil debt of the State.

F. F. Foscutt,

For the Committee.

Also, reports and recommends the passage of a House bill entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay the salaries of heads of Departments, and clerks in the employment of the State Government."

Senator Record, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, reported and recommended the adoption and passage of a substitute in lieu of an original bill entitled "An Act to provide for supplying the records of the County Clerk's office of Karnes county."

Senator Braswell Chairman of Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of Senate:

The Committee, to whom was referred a Senate bill entitled "An Act for the benefit of the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific

Railroad Company," instruct me to report it back with a request that the Senator introducing the same be permitted to withdraw it from the files.

S. N. BRASWELL, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Braswell, the report was taken up, and adopted.

Senator Foscue made the following report :

To the President of the Senate :

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of the citizens of Houston county, and the petition of the citizens of San Patricio county ; also, the petition of the County Court of Jefferson county, asking the Legislature to relinquish the State tax to enable the counties above named to erect county buildings, have given the subject deliberate consideration, and a majority of the committee have instructed me to report that it is believed to be impracticable at this time to extend the relief asked for, as there are a large number of counties in the State at this time that are without public buildings, all of which counties would of right be entitled to the measure of relief, and that the State Government could not be carried on if such an amount of the public revenue should be diverted from the State Treasury for such purposes.

F. F. FOSCUÉ,

One of the Committee.

Senator Selman, Chairman of Committee on Public Lands, made the following report :

To the President of the Senate :

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time for renewing files of land certificates, making surveys and return field notes," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage with the following amendments, to-wit :

Strike out the last line of the first section, beginning at the word "since," and insert the following: "Within the time prescribed by law."

Strike out the word "said" in second section.

B. T. SELMAN, Chairman.

Senator Foscue introduced a bill "to transfer the administration and jurisdiction of the estate of F. L. Barziza, from the courts of the county of Chambers to the courts of the county of Robertson."

Bill read first time, and on motion of Senator Foscue, rule suspended, bill was taken up and read second time, and on motion of Senator Foscue, bill amended as follows :

Add to section 1st :

"Provided a certified transcript of said papers shall be kept, and remain in the County Court of Chambers county; and provided further that all costs accrued in the county of Chambers, shall be first paid.

Bill as amended ordered to be engrossed; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Senator Shelley for the Committee on the Land Office, reports and recommends the passage of a bill to fix the salary of the chief draftsman in the General Land Office.

Read first time.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act supplemental to and amendatory of an act to incorporate Colorado College."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

On motion of Senator Stell, a House bill "to authorize the Mayor and Common Council of the town of Gonzales to levy and collect a special tax for certain purposes," was taken up out of its order, rule suspended, bill read second time and ordered to its third reading; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Senator Randolph introduced a bill "to provide for the employment of convicts in county jails."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Santley introduced a bill to incorporate the Jefferson Manufacturing Company.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Senator Stell introduced a bill to amend "An act establishing a County Court, approved March 16, 1848."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Nelson introduced a bill to authorize the endorsement by the State of the bonds of Railroad Companies in certain cases.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Littleton introduced "A bill supplemental to the laws in relation to the manner of taking depositions."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of a bill authorizing the Board of Trustees of Baylor University to divide the trustees into classes, and regulating the mode of their election.

It was also announced that the House had appointed Messrs. Ratliff, Gurley and Tyus a Committee of Conference, to report upon the disagreement of the two Houses on a Senate bill, au-

thorizing the Judge of the 13th Judicial District to hold a special term of the District Court.

A bill to authorize the Mayor and Common Council of the town of Gonzales to levy and collect a special tax for certain purposes.

Senator Boyd reported as follows :

The Committee of Conference, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An act authorizing Robert S. Gould, Judge of the 13th District, to hold a special term of the District Court in Robertson county," have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the change in the caption of the above bill, by striking out the name of Robert S. Gould, and insert therein "the Judge," as reported by the Judiciary Committee from the Senate; and also insert the amendment from the House, adding, "the county of Falls," and recommend their adoption.

J. B. BOYD, for Committee.

Upon motion of Senator Boyd, the report was taken up and adopted.

Upon motion of Senator Cook, the following House bills were taken up and acted upon, as indicated :

Bill authorizing the Board of Trustees of Baylor University to divide the trustees into classes, and regulating the mode of their election.

Read first time.

Rule suspended, read second time, and passed to a third reading.

Rule further suspended, read third time, and passed.

Bill providing for a sale of the County School Lands.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

Bill authorizing the surveyor of Dallas county to transcribe the records of his office.

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill to incorporate the Texas Navigation Company.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Bill to incorporate the East Fork of Trinity Bridge Company, on the road leading from Dallas, in Dallas county, to Kaufman, in Kaufman county.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Bill to amend an act to provide for the payment of Grand and Petit Jurors, passed February, 1850.

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Bill granting relief to purchasers of University Lands.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within four and a half miles of the court house in Fort Worth, Tarrant county, Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Upon motion of Senator Littleton, a bill to provide for supplying the records of the County Clerk's and County Surveyor's offices of Karnes county, with a substitute recommended by the Judiciary Committee, was taken up.

Substitute adopted.

Bill read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule suspended, read third time, and passed.

Upon motion of Senator Yarbro, House bill to incorporate Woodland College, with amendments recommended by the Judiciary Committee, was taken up, amendments made.

Bill as amended read second time and passed to a third reading; rule suspended, read third time and passed by a two-third vote :

YEAS—Senators Blount, Boyd, Brown, Burney, Cook, Cooley, Coppedge, Guinn, Jowers, Knox, McDade, Nelson, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Sangley, Shannon, Shelley, Stell, Truitt and Yarbro—23.

NAYS—None.

Senator Record introduced a bill supplemental to "An Act confirming titles to the colonists of Peters' Colony," approved February 8th, 1854.

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Upon motion of Senator Nelson, a bill to exempt certain property from forced sale, was ordered from the President's desk.

Senator Neyland made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Sept. 27, 1866. }

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and find correctly engrossed the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the town of Pilot Point, in Denton county."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the estraying of stock in the State of Texas."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Western Texas Colonial and Land Immigration Company."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Richland Turnpike and Toll Bridge Company."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the officers and members of William Tell Lodge No. 27, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Texas."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Judge of the 8th Judicial District to hold a special term of the District Court in Davis county."

A bill to be entitled "An Act further providing for the introduction of evidence in criminal cases."

A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the heirs of William Berryman."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the permanent location of the county seat of Shelby county."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Gymnastic Association of San Antonio."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the officers and members of Tyler Temple of Honor No. 8, of the State of Texas."

A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the county of Hood and naming the county site thereof."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the western boundary line of Ellis county, and the boundary lines of Palo Pinto, Erath and Johnson counties."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the officers and members of Rural Encampment No. 19, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Texas."

A Bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the officers and members of St. John's Lodge No. 53, of (Ancient York). Free and Accepted Masons, located and working at Tyler, in the county of Smith, in the State of Texas." Respectfully submitted.

W. M. NEYLAND, Chr'n Com. on Eng'd Bills.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the special order, viz: a bill for the further assurance of titles to purchasers at judicial and other sales, with amendments recommended by the Judiciary Committee, was taken up, and upon motion of Senator Cook, the Senate went into Committee of the Whole upon consideration of the bill, Senator Burney in the Chair.

Committee rose, reported sundry amendments to the bill and asked the adoption of the amendments, and to be discharged from further consideration of the bill.

Report adopted.

Bill as amended read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Upon motion of Senator Stell, rule suspended, read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Blount, Burney, Cook, Dalrymple, Foscue, Knox, Littleton, Nelson, Neyland, Saufley, Shannon, Shelley, Stell, Truitt and Yarbrow—15.

NAYS—Senators Brown, Bumpass, Cooley, Guinn, McDade, Parker, Randolph, Reed and Selman—9.

Senator Selman made the following report :

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of Senate:

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act granting further time for the location and survey of land certificates granted Railroad Companies," have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the object sought to be attained, is provided for in a bill now before the Senate, entitled "An Act to extend the time for renewing files of land certificates, making surveys and returning field notes;" they therefore instruct me to report the bill back to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass.

B. T. SELMAN, Chairman.

Upon motion of Senator Neyland, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, pending a bill to exempt certain property from forced sale.

SENATE CHAMBER,)
 Sept. 28, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted

Senator Shannon made the following report :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Joint Committee on Land Office, to whom was referred the report of the Provisional Commissioner of the Land Office, Col. Frank M. White, together with a communication of His Excellency the Governor, have had the same under consideration, and the committee have instructed me to make the following report in relation thereto :

1st. In relation to the deficit in the cash account, as suggested in this report, we call attention to a previous report made by the committee on that subject, in which that matter is fully discussed by the committee, giving an aggregate of the amount of money expended, and we therefore omit further comment.

2nd. We do not find any errors in the report of Col. White, so far as his own administration is concerned. The books and